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SIR:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed February 28, 2006, which was filed in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, Applicants concurrently file a Request for Continued Examination in order to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of Amendment begins on page 20 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.